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For:	<b>Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms</b>		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 3 and 8 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein predisposition for obesity is determined as a genetic susceptibility for increased body-mass index.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 4 wherein the said polymorphism is in position -602, -399, or -84 in the promoter region of the human neuropeptide Y gene.

Please add the following claims 10-12:

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